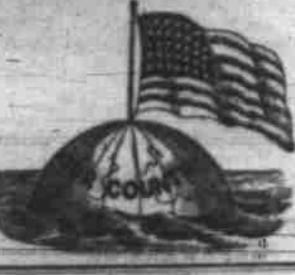


THE SENTINEL.



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DIGEST OF NEWS.

Gold closed in New York, Saturday evening, at \$154.61 per oz.

Cotton was quoted at 26s.

North Carolina Bonds "old 64," New Orleans.

The "Confederate" of Miss. N. Y. Phillips and R. W. Best, Esq., have been removed by Clegg.

The "Governor's" paper announces that the "Trustees of the University" have determined to establish a branch of the institution for the benefit of the negroes. We presume that "Prof. Brewer" will be transferred to the "branch."

The full Conservative Municipal ticket was elected in Asheboro on the 1st inst. Thos. D. Johnson, Esq., Mayor.

The Asheboro News announces that Dr. Dowell, one of the contractors on the Eastern Division of the Western N. C. Railroad, threw the "first dirt" on this side of the mountains on Wednesday, the 8th ult., and that other contractors are preparing to commence work on the road, in Buncombe County, in a few days.

An anonymous correspondent of the New York World pretends to give a summary of General Grant's opinions of public men. Thus, he says Washington is a strictly honest man; Fessenden, the oldest statesman in the Senate; Sumner, a finished orator who would not have been beaten by any other State but Massachusetts; Phillips is not satisfied with any great honesty of purpose; Butler is not so bad as he is said to be; McClellan is an able soldier, a good citizen, and a pure man; Morgan, a mere bag of bones; Rawlins is a man of the very highest order of intellect; Greeley, a great exaggerator, but a true man; Beecher would be a better preacher if he were less a politician, and a better politician if he were less a preacher; Ward (G. A.) is susceptible to flattery; Southerners have made his paper famous by making it infamous; Raymond is a jumping Jack; devout possessives very great ability, but very little principle; Wood is a corrupt politician; Logan wears the mantle of Stephen A. Douglas. The General is said to be in favor of a general amnesty, and to admit what he calls the inevitable necessity of negro suffrage.

The average price of gold, at the close of the fourth year of "peace," is higher than the average price of gold at the close of the second year of the war. Of ours is the kingdom of darkness!

Senator Henry Wilson, at a Christian Temperance Convention, held at the "Hub" the other day, said that "during the last ten years he had traveled ten thousand miles, but he had nowhere seen such drunkenness as in Massachusetts."

Goth, plus Massachusetts!

Christmas was settling day in Oglethorpe Co., Georgia, between the planters and negro laborers.

The negroes cleared for the year's work from \$100 to \$1000, all of which, it is said, in an hour after it was paid, was spent in the nearest store for every imaginable article, from a date or modish to a yard of cambric, or a pair of breeches.

John H. Burritt's case has been dismissed by the Washington Grand Jury, on the ground that he was implicated in the recent amnesty proclamation of the President.

The London Times thinks that the year ends with the most "precarious peace" the world ever saw. Not only in Europe is peace precarious, but, judging from what is transpiring in Arkansas, Georgia and Virginia, it is "precious" here. Perhaps that was the kind of peace that was meant all the while they were saying "let us have it."

The captain of Auburn prison, New York, won't present to the convicts any longer, because the State has a Democratic Governor. It is rumored that Collard is an applicant for the Chairmanship of our Penitentiary, and will pray for anybody—"for a consideration."

More than seventy-five thousand dollars worth of real estate have been sold in London county, Va., within the past ten days.

The scene of operations of the recent negro disturbances in Virginia is the farm of General Henry A. Wise, lately ordered to be restored to him by the Government.

Ogden, at a New England dinner the other day, made, as usual, a broad-sabre speech. It was about American citizenship. What a blessed thing it is in Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas. It confers a great many privileges on the people of those states.

A desperado in Wisconsin recently got to pieces 100 men, and was proceeding to carry a third when he was shot dead. All this at a festive hall. The name of the place thus honored is, appropriately, Battle Axe.

Hon. James A. Bayard, now serving on the Senate Riddle's term in the United States Senate, by appointment, will be re-elected to-morrow for the balance of the term, which expires on March 4th. For the full term following his seat, Thomas F. Bayard, will probably be chosen.

Messengers have arrived at Washington with the vote of the Electoral Colleges of Vermont and Maryland, which were deposited with Mr. Wade. All the States have been heard from now, except those on the Pacific coast. The messenger for California started, but died at Panama of small pox contracted on the steamer. When he found he was about to die, he delivered his papers over to some friends with a power of attorney authorizing them to deliver them to Mr. Wade. There is no law making the power of attorney valid in this matter, and, as the case is complicated, it will probably require some action of Congress to place the vote of California legally in the hands of Mr. Wade. Nevada has not been heard from yet. The messenger from Oregon is reported snowed up in the Rocky Mountains.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER asks the following pertinent question: Who can frame a better Constitution than the Constitution of the United States? Are not checks and balances better than oligarchy? Is it not wiser to trust written law than to trust the fluctuating and mad winds of Party? Are we not safer with the independent functions of an unimpaired Executive office and Judiciary than we should be under the dissolving and despotic will of a Directory? Are not the inspiring rights of the States as many safeguards of the Republic? Are not these the inspirations of patriotism, the centrifugal tendencies of our great machine, as essential as against possible abolition? Is not free speech, is not free thought, better and more to be encouraged than skulky fear and more submitted to the will of a many-headed tyrant?

Section 2 contains the Swamp Land spec-

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION."

This act, printed by order of the Legislature, is before us, in the shape of a small pamphlet, or book, of forty-five pages. Prepared by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, is prominently placed at the head of the bill. W. W. Holden, D. A. Jenkins, H. J. Menninger, Henderson, Adams, W. M. Coleman, C. L. Harris, and S. S. Ashley, by the act, constitute the "Board of Education."

The book says that Pilgrim Ashley prepared the bill. It is well to note that he did before his encounter with the Supreme Court, for that so exhausted the old man that we have not laid eyes on him since—John Brown and Harper's Ferry! Let him tough well. The Court could do nothing with him. Except the Chief Justice, the whole Court agreed to have qualified before old man and bloody times, and when the Court appealed to the people in the Legislature, then the spirit of old John Brown prevailed. Pilgrim had the victory. It is true that, like old John Brown, he was finally overpowered, but he was not subdued.

Say what you will, mankind loves heroism; they love the brave. John Brown, John Ragland, Pilgrim Ashley and Marshal Keyes have given us as high examples as history affords of heroism and courage. John Brown, with seventeen men—two of them free negroes—seizing upon the arsenal at Harper's Ferry, in the very presence of Gen. Scott, and the Army and Navy of the United States, was heroism which every man must admire, though every good man must condemn. Brother Pepper, let us sing of "Old John Brown's soul is marching on!"

On a different theatre, but alike in moral courage, was the act and conduct of Ashley. The Pilgrim. A stranger from Cape Cod, and as much a stranger to the people of North Carolina as was John Brown to the people of Virginia; he enters our Capital, and plants himself in the room, not by courtesy, but by law, dedicated to Justice and the Supreme Court. The Court kindly, but formally, by note, asked the Pilgrim to allow them to sit in their own room. The Pilgrim refused. The Court, in column, and with courage, as we have before described, marched in, showing heavy "umbrella" and sharp pointed steel. Five Judges, the Clerk and the Grand Marshal of the Court—the two last armed as a pie—confront the iron-hearted Pilgrim. The Court, vanquished, retire and call for the people of the House. They come, 73 in number, on the second day of the fight, just like Buell did to the rescue of Grant at Shiloh. They come in time to save the Court—Ashley went down, but, never mind, old hero! I say fought the courageous fight. The Court may hate you for your insolence, but they feel a fearful admiration for your heroism!

Hark! Pilgrim, Hark! Heard you not, as you fell, the agonized voice of the carpet-laggers? Oh! how they shriek, like freedom, "when Kecusko fall." From the Rio Grande to the Potomac, their wailing is heard. In Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, and old Virginia, out of the Union, the mournful intelligence of your fall will carry sadness to every carpet-bag heart. Brother Pepper! this is a mournful occurrence, sad and unfortunate at the first great battle of Manassas, but it was so heroically fought on the carpet-bag side!

Let us sing again "old John Brown's spirit is marching on," while carpet-bag is proud of the laurels he won, in the Capital, over the Court!

But really, to the book of forty two pages: Who ever reads it for something new, original, striking or startling will be disappointed. There is, it is true, rather a novel and startling speculation in Theology, and a dissertation on swamp lands and the government of children, eight years old. As to the Pilgrim being the author of the bill, we are disposed to doubt it. He is no more the author of it than Senator Burns, of Chatman, is the author of the Penitentiary Bill. He (Senator Burns) never put that clause in allowing Celia Harris and the Committee to purchase 8,000 acres of land, much of it poor soil. Lastister's; that was sold to Gen. Littlefield. No, we say, it never entered Mr. Burns' brain to do that. It was suggested. We think Gen. Littlefield and one of his friends knew such a clause would be in the bill before Mr. Burns did. So, there are some things in the Pilgrim's bill, or book, of forty-two pages, which never entered his brain, except by suggestion.

New Section 104 of the book is clearly set forth. It is from Plymouth Rock. It reads so: "The school authorities of any City, Town or Township may, when they shall deem it expedient, establish a separate school or schools for the instruction of children and youth of African descent." etc.

Section 124 seems to be much like that clause in the Penitentiary bill, allowing C. L. Harris and the Committee to buy land. It reads thus, substantially: "The Superintendent shall report to the Governor annually, etc. etc. The Governor shall transmit such report, etc. etc. The Secretary of State shall bind 500 copies and deliver them to the Superintendent, who shall deposit twenty copies in the Library of Public Instruction, furnish one copy to the Commissioners of each county, one copy to each University, College and Normal School in the State. The remaining copies shall be distributed, one to the State Library of each State and Territory, (this is a saving clause for Old Virginia, out of the Union) and the others to such cities, Institutions of learning and persons, as he may deem proper. The Legislature shall order the printing of this petition and that, unless the same is signed by all the members of the Committee, it is to be rejected."

Mr. Rich gave notice that he should introduce an amendment for the resolution to allow the signatures the same day as allowed by the Federal Court.

Mr. Davis presented a report from the Commissioners of Montgomery County, referred to the Committee on Townshipships.

A message was received from the House transmitting the following resolutions:

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